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MUDDY LITTLE DITCH IS MOTORISTS' IDOL

Enthusiasm Runs Riot When Your Car Goes Into Bilge Water and You Have to Walk to Town

ROMANTIC SPOT BIG BOOST FOR LIL OLE CARRIZOZO

Last week Hiram Giffard drove a party to Estancia. He declared on his return, that after he got across the ditch near the railroad some three miles from Carrizozo on the Anecho-Corona road he had never bowed over better roads. On his return the next day the only spot which marred an otherwise delightful trip was the same little old ditch—some three miles from Carrizozo on the Anecho-Corona road—where he left his machine stuck in the mud and walked into town, accompanied by his passengers who reluctantly carried their grips with them. John Baird, who drove in company with Mr. Giffard and his party as far as Estancia and returned a day later, makes the same report—no road in this section of the country better for fast and perfectly safe traveling than the one from here to Santa Fe by way of Estancia, with the exception of the little old ditch—some three miles from Carrizozo on the Anecho-Corona road. Harry and Ed Comrey declare that but for this same little old ditch—some three miles from Carrizozo on the Anecho-Corona road—they would not have been out the price of a pair of radius rods, besides having a lot of trouble getting their car out of the mudhole and losing precious time which could have been saved to mighty good advantage. Wallace Gumm made a couple of trips to White Oaks and return in his car, and but for the fact that he was driving a little Ford, which "rambled right along," he, too, would have been looking through his big Century dictionary to find words expressive enough to write an opinion on the little old ditch—some three miles from Carrizozo on the Anecho-Corona road. J. B. Newell, court reporter for this district, drove over to this city last week from his former home at Albuquerque. He routed himself through the Tijeras canon, Estancia, Lucy, Corona and Anecho. He was accompanied by his wife and little daughter and made a record run until he splashed into the little old ditch, some three miles from Carrizozo on the Anecho-Corona road. There he and his family stuck for three hours. Mr. Newell was charmed; and so was Mrs. Newell; likewise the baby. It is always delightful for the tourist to drive hours over a ripping road and wind up the trip some three miles from Carrizozo on the Anecho-Corona road in the little old ditch. Nothing which the most rosiest imagination can conjure so clicks in with the harmony beauty of a motor trip almost completed as the little old ditch some three miles from Carrizozo—on—the—Anecho—Corona—road.

The most interesting thing about

all this mess is that timber for the extremely necessary bridge intended to span this little old ditch has been purchased and delivered to the ground for weeks. The Outlook doesn't know why the bridge hasn't been built, nor does any of the several parties who have motored into the mudhole.

It may be that the road board knows what it is doing in not going ahead with its plans to bridge this arroyo, but while it is keeping quiet and the bridge is not assuming shape, motorists are getting wise to the condition of this road and are not driving their cars thru Carrizozo if they can help it. With the bridge in, this would be one of the best stretches of road in southern New Mexico—from this city to all points north and east.

The road south could stand a little working without doing it any harm, and motorists would appreciate it.

Some of the streets of Carrizozo are not nearly so good as they were a short time ago, simply because nothing has been done to keep them in excellent shape they were last fall. Streets and roads have a rather perverse way of going to the bad if they are not watched over and cared for in the good old orthodox way: and with the money which this town and county has heretofore expended to put them in condition to be traveled and bragged on by travelers, it seems somewhat a shame to endeavor to live on the glamour of past performances and let the highways go to ruin—and the travelers go around the town.

Good Mr. Road Board, won't you please come over into Macedonia and help us? Don't rest on your laurels—get some more!

FORSAKEN

And it came to pass that the County of Lincoln became enamored of its court house square in the settlement of Carrizozo. And they that were in authority counseled amongst themselves. The earth which did encompass the stately edifice wherein blind justice evenly balances her scales, and which constitutes a retreat for the minions of the law and the scribes and scribeses where the zepliers frolic and mists become heavy, looked hard and uninviting. The few trees which twelve months ago did put forth their first shoots were lonesome. More trees should be embedded in the bosom of mother earth; the soil should be upturned and pulverized and caressed with the prolific grass seed so the shrine of justice should rear its walls within an emerald field. And the counsel of those in authority did bear fruit. The ground was broken for the seed; the trees were planted. And the rains came and beat upon the trees and the sun shone upon them and they did put out in promising foliage. And the plowed ground settled within itself and went back to its original formation; and the weeds began to marshal their hosts within the sacred boundaries.

But did the grass seed ever see the fallow furrows? Nix!

Does the county lawn dazzle your eye very much? Nary!

Did the county ever purchase the seed after having the lot ploughed up? Guess not.

Will seed sown on stony ground ever make a lawn? Nope.

And so it came to pass that the county of Lincoln proved false to its court house square in the settlement of Carrizozo.

THE DEMOCRATIC TARIFF BILL

A Blunder Signalized the Legislative Career of the Present Administration at Washington, D. C.

FAILS TO FURNISH SUFFICIENT REVENUE

The Democratic tariff bill, first in the articles of Democratic faith, and the one achievement on which naturally they would be expected to expend their most exhaustive study and care, was so clumsily executed that it failed to accomplish the results intended. The failure was due to crude, hasty, unscientific, secret legislative methods.

Designed to furnish sufficient revenue to finance the United States treasury, it has proven absolutely inadequate for that purpose.

In writing the tariff bill, the Democrats dimly foresaw a possible reduction in customs receipts, although they did not know how much and did not ascertain the facts. So the income tax provision was incorporated in the hope that it would make up for any miscalculations in the tariff bill, although the Democrats did not know and did not ascertain the facts.

But what happened when these provisions went into effect?

Customs receipts were millions of dollars below the amount needed from that source, and at the same time collections from the income tax fell many millions below the amount needed from that source. The inevitable result was to leave the treasury without sufficient money for its needs.

The failure was caused by carelessness. Had there been conscientious, open consideration of the revenue bill, sufficient to enable members of Congress to study and understand it, the reduction in revenue could have been properly safeguarded. But instead of getting accurate information and adequate estimates, the Democrats guessed at it. And they guessed wrong.

The results of this first mistake should have been a warning. But the startling fact remains that the Democrats committed the same kind of an error again. Forced by their heedlessness to provide more revenue, they passed a "war tax" in time of peace. Based on a guess instead of an estimate, the war tax did not produce money enough. For months the receipts of the treasury have been daily falling short of expenditures at a rate reaching at times more than a million dollars a day. According to official estimates the deficit will probably amount to one hundred million dollars by July 1, the end of the fiscal year.

No chain is stronger than its weakest link. The fatal weakness that has characterized the work of this administration from its inception two years ago has been its eagerness to propose laws, carelessness in drafting them, haste in committee action, and stubborn refusal to permit intelligent amendment in either House or Senate

after the party brand had been affixed by the all powerful caucus.

Every American citizen has had to help pay for these costly experiments. There will be still more to pay until the errors have been corrected by thoughtful, intelligent legislation.

Later articles will follow, illustrating still further the slovenly habits of legislation that have characterized the Democratic administration.

GRAND MATRON HERE

The local chapter of the order of the Eastern Star received on Monday evening of this week the annual visit of the Grand Matron of this State, Mrs. Mabel Portwood of Faywood, N. M. As Mrs. Portwood had to make Estancia the next evening, according to previous schedule, it was necessary to begin the meeting at six o'clock. The supreme officer made the usual inspection of the local chapter and gave most helpful instruction in the execution of the work. Mrs. R. E. Stidham the present Worthy Matron and her corps of official assistants were commended for the thorough and accurate manner in which the work of the order is being presented in Carrizozo, and was highly pleased at the goodly membership, which numbers at present some forty-eight.

Following the work of the order a banquet was tendered the distinguished visitor, and a general good time was engaged in until train time put an end to the festivities. The Carrizozo chapter has received great inspiration and fresh encouragement from this occasion and is hearty in its praise of the ability and enterprise of their present Grand Matron.

ANOTHER PROOF

Simply another proof of the character and popularity of the Carrizozo Outlook is the recent introduction of the Spanish section into the first year of the Carrizozo high school.

This proves an admirable supplement to the work completed this year in that it affords a weekly digest of news of general interest both local and foreign and is drafted in entirely modernized and thoroughly readable Spanish. This is merely another evidence of Supt. McCurdy's enterprise in endeavoring constantly to present in every department of the high school something of a practical nature wherever occasion permits and incidentally the Outlook has been the recipient of a signal recognition of its wide range of usefulness as an up-to-date weekly.

FUSSED UP A LITTLE

It isn't every motorist that can run his car on soft soap. And it isn't every car that would stand for it. But a Ford will stand for anything and—ramble right along. The Outlook would not intentionally misrepresent anything; yet it lies to report that it has it on reliable authority that one of our local motorists, a short time ago, while thinking of something quite foreign to what he was at the time doing, filled the differential of his car with soft soap and washed his hands in cup grease. He soon discovered his mistake as to the brand of soap he had used, but not until he had run his car over a hundred miles, and the differential began to froth and foam like a seidlitz powder did he remember that soft soap was a pretty good cleanser but an indifferent lubricant. However, the car is romping along, and it may be that an application of soft soap to the differential occasionally isn't so doggone bad, at that.

LEONARD C. ESTES GETS A NEW HOME

Order Entered in Probate Court Making Him Adopted Son of Mr. and Mrs. H. E. Keller

FATHER OF THE LITTLE BOY CONSENTS TO PROCEEDINGS

On last Monday, H. E. Keller and his wife filed a petition in the probate court asking that they be granted leave to adopt as their own child Leonard Calvin Estes, a lad nine years of age. The petition was supported by the consent of J. B. Estes, the father of the boy, and it appearing to the court that the petitioners were of sufficient ability to bring up the child and furnish suitable nurture and education, an order was made in accordance with the petitioners and little Leonard became the adopted son of Mr. and Mrs. Keller.

Some time last winter a complaint was made to Judge Medler, setting up the fact that Mr. Estes was not in a position to take care of his son and daughter as they should be, and that their education was neglected because of the father's inability to furnish it to them. The father and the two children were brought before the court. Mr. Estes objected strenuously to the idea of having his little ones taken from his care and placed in a home and after considering the matter, Judge Medler permitted him to return to his home in the vicinity of Nogal with his little ones. Later Mr. Estes found a home for the boy with Mr. and Mrs. Keller and the little girl is being well taken care of by a family in Nogal. Feeling that the boy could be better cared for in the Keller home, and Mr. and Mrs. Keller being desirous of adopting Leonard, the formality of the adoption was disposed of before Probate Judge Lucero last Monday all the parties being present.

It was the intention, as the Outlook is reliably informed, of the parties now keeping the six-year-old sister of Leonard to be present at this week's session of the probate court, but circumstances prevented their attendance upon the court. It is understood that a petition for her adoption will be filed at the July term.

The court was in session three days, and while there was not a large attendance, considerable business was disposed of.

In the matter of the estate of Joseph Storms, deceased, the court appointed Robert Brady and Santiago Gonzales as appraisers of the estate left by Mr. Storms.

The report of the appraisers in the Ed R. Ball estate was filed and approved and J. M. Cravens was appointed executor.

The administrator of W. R. Sterling, deceased, filed his final report, which report will be heard and determined by the court at the July meeting.

The report of Chas. L. Kennedy, guardian of Reed L. Kennedy, for the year 1914, was filed and approved by the court.

Fannie D. Austin filed her bond as administratrix of the estate of A. C. Austin, deceased, and was appointed by the court as the administratrix of the said estate.

A few minor orders in other cases were entered by the court.